

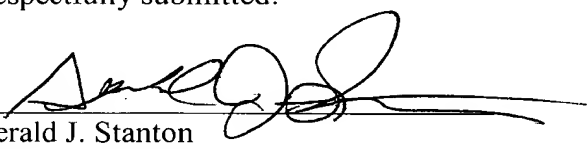
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS:

In the referenced Office Action, the Examiner has asserted three distinct species. Applicant hereby elects species I, pertaining to claims 1, 5-6, 9, 11-15, and 18, without traverse. All other claims are hereby canceled.

The Applicant respectfully requests examination of the elected claims on the merits.

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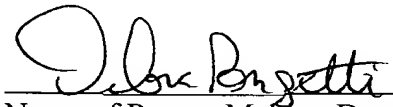
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